(c) if so, the names of the companies and the action taken by Government so far in the interest of public health?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) For monitoring of operation of Certification Marks licence, inspections are carried out at licensees end. Samples are drawn and tested both from factory and market and analyzed. Occasionally BIS comes across failure of samples in bacteriological requirements. As a control measure, stop marking is imposed in such cases, which amounts to withdrawal of marking rights till corrective action is taken by the licensee and verified by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

(b) and (c) Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of West Bengal, Kolkatta has recently drawn 44 samples of Packaged Drinking Water and tested at the laboratory of Pollution Control Board. 4 samples of the brand name Amust, Prime, Bisleri and Crystalline were found failing in the requirement of coliform. Out of these 4 samples faecal coliform was found in only one sample of Crystalline brand. As a follow up action, BIS (Eastern Regional Office) have tested more than 100 samples but none of the brands stated in the report was found failing in coliform count.

Misuse of ISI marks

1226. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of misuse of ISI marks detected in the year 2002;

(b) how many of them are from Andhra Pradesh;

(c) how many persecutions have been launched; and

(d) in what stages are they at present?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) 34 cases of misuse of BIS Standard Mark (ISI Mark) have been registered in the year 2002-2003.

(b) Out of 34 cases registered in the year 2002-2003, 4 cases have been registered against the manufacturers located in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The status of the cases of misuse of ISI mark registered in Andhra Pradesh as follows:—

Number of cases in which prosecution has been launched by BIS	One
Number of cases in which prosecution has been launched by Police	One
Number of cases being processed for closure.	Two

Payment of sugarcane growers

†1227. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA :

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government so far to help sugarcane growers in getting their payments and the number of farmers who have been helped in getting their payments during the last three months;

(b) what is the outstanding amount of sugarcane growers against sugar mills and by when sugarcane growers would be able to get their payments;

(c) whether it is a fact that sugarcane growers are not paid with the interest by sugar mills on their outstanding dues; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) A Buffer Stock of 20 lakh tonnes of sugar has been created in December, 2002 for a period of one year, involving an outgo of Rs. 412 crores from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF). An additional amount of Rs. 374 crores is to be released by Banks on account of the Buffer Stock. Thus, about Rs. 786 crore will be used exclusively for payment of cane price dues to sugarcane growers for which the required legal rules are already in place. The total outstanding amount of cane price dues, in respect of the 2002-2003 sugar season, is about Rs. 3204 crores (as on 15.5.2003).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.